

Free And Reduced Price Meals (FARM) Application

School breakfast, after school snack, and after school supper are free for all students. For school year 2014-15, approximately 75 schools will be certified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows all children at those schools to receive lunch meals at no charge. Households in which all students attend CEP schools are not required to submit a FARM application for 2014-15. For schools that are certified by the CEP, refer to the DCPS website.

In order to qualify for free or reduced price meals, a FARM Application must be completed. One FARM application should be completed per household, even if students in the household attend different DCPS schools.

2014-15 FARM Applications will be available in late June 2014, and cannot be submitted prior to July 1, 2014. Applications will be available in the main office of each non-CEP DCPS school and online in various languages. To submit an application **after July 1, 2014**:

1. Submit a paper application to your youngest child's school that accepts applications (note: Schools within the CEP do not accept applications);
2. Submit an application online through a secure e-form; or
3. Mail the application to: DC Public Schools, Office of Food and Nutrition Services
1200 First St. NE, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

All DCPS students will carry their 2013-14 meal payment status with them through Sept. 30, 2014. As of Oct. 1, 2014, all students in non-CEP schools that have not submitted an application will automatically be required to pay for lunch meals.

Allergies and Dietary Accommodations

DCPS recognizes that students may have important and varied dietary needs. The "Students with Special Dietary Needs Form" found on the reverse side of this sheet allows parents to notify schools of their child's dietary needs. **Please note that this form must be filled out every school year because dietary needs change over time.**

Steps in using the Students with Special Dietary Needs Form:

1. **This form requires a licensed medical provider's signature** (except for lactose intolerances which only require a parent/guardian signature).
2. Completed forms must be turned in to your school nurse.
3. The school nurse will inform school staff of the student's needs to ensure safety at all times.
4. The schools nurse will forward the form to the Office of Food and Nutrition Services which will ensure accommodations are made for all food served through the cafeteria.

Additional information regarding food accommodations as well as the "Religious/Philosophical Dietary Accommodations Application" can be found online at:

dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Beyond+the+Classroom/Food+Services/Food+Accommodations.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at: food.dcps@dc.gov, (202) 442-5112, or dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Beyond+the+Classroom/Food+Services.